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P&G Case CM2016MC

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of :
FABIO CINELLI, ET AL. :
Serial No.: 09/917,505 : Group Art Unit: 1713
Confirmation No.: 9733 : Examiner: R. A. Lee
Filed: July 27, 2001 :

For DISPOSABLE HUMAN WASTE MANAGEMENT DEVICES WITH IMPROVED
ADHESIVE FLANGE ATTACHMENT MEANS TO FACILITATE WATER ADHESION
STABILITY WITH LOW PAIN LEVEL REMOVAL

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 30, 2003

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Dear Sir:

This response is timely filed pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.8 and M.P.E.P. §512.

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 15-18 without prejudice.

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) An adhesive for a disposable human waste management device:
said disposable human waste management device comprising a bag;
said bag comprising an aperture and a flang surrounding said aperture;
said flange comprising a wearer facing surface and a garment facing surface;
said wearer facing surface comprising an adhesiv ;